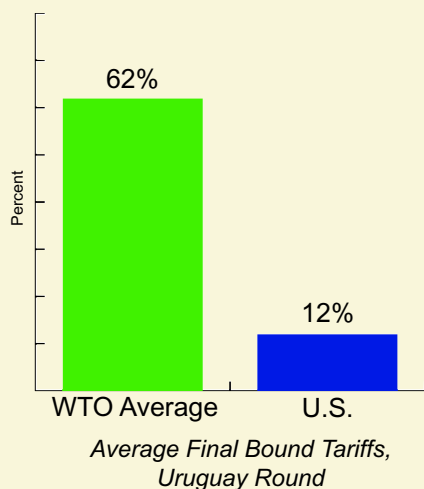


## Myth #3

U.S. farm policy helps big corporate agribusiness, not real farm families.

### Agricultural Tariffs: WTO Countries vs. U.S.

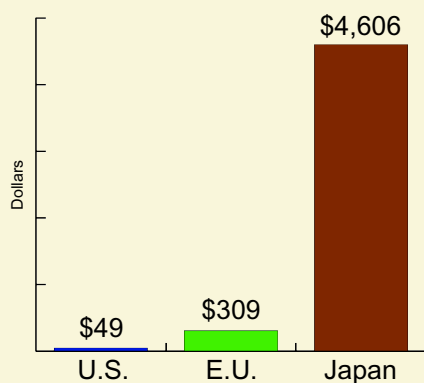


*If U.S. farm policy helps big corporate agribusiness, why does big corporate agribusiness oppose U.S. farm policy?*

*U.S. farm policy helps all American farm families because all farm families are feeling the sting of:*

- The lowest real net cash income since the Great Depression.
- The 5th straight year of record low prices for many commodities.
- Record high costs of production, with 2002 expected to set an all-time record.
- Foreign tariffs averaging 62% – more than 5 times higher than the average U.S. imposed tariff of 12%.
- Foreign subsidies more than 6 times higher than help to U.S. farmers – \$309 per acre for European Union farmers compared to \$49 per acre for U.S. farmers.
- Another significant barrier – the strength of the U.S. dollar, which is 36% higher than the currencies of U.S. customers, and 44% higher than the currencies of U.S. competitors.

### Producer Support Per Acre WTO Countries vs. U.S.



*“Cultivators of the earth are the most valuable citizens. They are the most vigorous, the most independent, the most virtuous, and they are tied to their country and wedded to its liberty and interests by the most lasting bonds...”*

-President Thomas Jefferson